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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action mailed on May 16, 2006, in connection with the above-referenced application. It is respectfully requested that this application be reconsidered in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begin on page 5 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.